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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AHERNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT:MESSAGE FROM RHODES TO YOUNG

REF: SECTO 32007

1. LARRY IS IN NEW YORK AND ASKED ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR MESSAGE.

2. JOSEPH RHODES IS NOT A U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE; HE IS A BLACK STATE SENATOR FROM PENNSYLVANIA. HE HAS BEEN TRAVELLING IN AFRICA ON HIS OWN HOOK, BUT HAD BEEN ASKED BY ANDY YOUNG (EVIDENTLY ON CARTER'S BEHALF) TO MAKE SOME CONTACTS WITH BLACK GROUPS IN SOUTH AFRICA, BASICALLY TO TRY TO ESTABLISH SOME COMMUNICATION WITH THE NEW BLACK LEADERS IN THE TOWNSHIPS THERE.

3. RHODES APPARENTLY OVERESTIMATED WHAT CARTER,-YOUNG, AND COMPANY WANTED HIM TO DO HE-TOOK IT -UPON HIMSELF TO PLAN MEETINGS WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS ON NAMIBIA.

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HE SAW SCHAUFLE AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN

MASERU AND TRIED TO DRAW HIM OUT ON WHERE THINGS STOOD. SCHAUFLE, FIRST OF ALL, TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS; AND, SECONDLY, GAVE AS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT

WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR A NEW FACE TO INSERT ITSELF INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS ON NAMIBIA, PARTICULARLY A NEW FACE WITH A THOROUGHLY UNCERTAIN CHARTER FROM THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. RHODES' MESSAGE TO YOUNG (PRETORIA 5602) REFLECTED HIS MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT HIS MISSION ON BEHALF OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. IN RESPONSE TO THAT MESSAGE, CONGRESSMAN YOUNG TODAY SENT, THROUGH OUR FACILITIES, THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO RHODES: (BEGIN TEXT) SUGGEST YOU CONCENTRATE ON ORIGINAL MISSION. OTHER SOURCES WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM. IMPORTANT NOW TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN LEADERSHIP. THE WORD OF OUR INTEREST WILL REACH THEM. STUDENT LEADERSHIP PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. RELAX AND ENJOY YOURSELF. YOU LEARN MORE THAT WAY. (END TEXT)

4. THE REFERENCES TO "ORIGINAL MISSION" AND "UNKNOWN LEADERSHIP" IN YOUNG'S MESSAGE IS TO RHODES' EFFORT TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS, AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH NAMIBIA. YOUNG'S MESSAGE IS CLEARLY A COMPLETE TURN-OFF FOR RHODES VIS-A-VIS NAMIBIA, AND I THINK WE HAVE SEEN THE END OF THE MATTER. ROBINSON

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